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SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD COUNCIL - FOURTH SESSION

REF: A) STATE 130364; B) RABAT 3071

1. IN ADDITION TO MUSTAPHA FARIS, MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, AHMED ELWARDI HARTI, CHIEF OF CABINET TO AGMIN, WILL ATTEND SUBJECT CONFERENCE.

BIO SKETCHES FOLLOW.

2. MUSTAPHA FARIS BORN DEC. 17, 1933 IN CASABLANCA. ATTENDED U. OF PARIS 1951-56, RECEIVING DEGREE CIVIL ENGINEERING. WORKED SUBSEQUENTLY IN MINPUBLIC WORKS UNTIL 1969 AS INSPECTOR GENERAL OF NATIONAL IRRIGATION OFFICE, DIRECTOR HYDRAULIC DEPARTMENT, THEN CHIEF OF CABINET TO MINISTER. NAMED SECSTATE FOR PLANNING 1969, SECSTATE FOR FINANCE IN 1971, AND FINMIN APRIL 1972, HOLDING POSITION BRIEFLY UNTIL BECOMING PRESIDENT NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT BANK LATER THAT YEAR. ON OCT. 10, 1977, ASSUMED PRESENT POSITION. FARIS WAS WOUNDED DURING AUGUST, 1972 COUP ATEMPT ATTACK ON RABAT-SALE AIRPORT. SPEAKS ENGLISH ONLY SLIGHTLY. HE WAS LEADER GRANT NOMINEE IN 1957 BUT WAS UNABLE TO GO.

3. COMMENT: GIVEN RELATIVE NEWNESS IN HIS POSITION, FARIS WILL LIKELY CONCENTRATE ON BECOMING ACQUAINTED WITH WFC ISSUES. HE HAS BEEN OPEN AND COOPERATIVE IN CONTACTS WITH US PERSONNEL.

4. AHMED EL-WARDI-HARTI BECAME CHIEF OF CABINET TO AGMIN IN UNCLASSIFIED

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NOV. 1977. PRIOR ASSIGNMENTS INCLUDED CHIEF OF CABINET TO MINFIN IN 1974, AND COMMISSAR IN LAND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY. ANDERSON

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